

**MINUTES**  
**WEST HARTFORD BICYCLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**WEST HARTFORD TOWN HALL, ROOM 400**

1. The meeting of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee was held in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall on Monday, December 12, 2016.
2. The Meeting was called to order at approximately 7:05 p.m.
3. Scott read a report from Duane Martin regarding the Steele Road bicycle signs. The developer will paint the rest of the sharrows in the early spring. After the sharrows are painted, the Town will install signage along the road.
4. Steve and others gave a report on the celebratory event of the City of Hartford marking its designation as a bronze recipient as a bicycle friendly community by the League of American Bicyclists. There were several representatives from the Bicycle Advisory Committee in attendance, as was Mayor Shari Cantor. The Town was very well represented.
5. Scott gave a report on the Rt 185 (Simsbury Road) bike signs. The State of Connecticut does not install bicycle signs along its state roadways. They mentioned in an email to Duane Martin that they would be willing to have the Town of West Hartford consider installing such signs. But after discussions with its Risk Manager, the Town decided that it would be too much liability to install those signs.
6. Mary Ellen and Daniel gave a report on the North Main Street Road Diet. The subcommittee is still speaking with neighbors and rounding up support. A more definitive push will be done after the new Town Manager is appointed.
7. Scott reported that the Town would like to meet with representative of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee regarding Complete Streets compliance. The meeting will be held in the month of January, 2017.
8. Scott gave a list of the 2017 meeting dates of the West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee. All dates are on the second Monday of each month, with the exception of a Tuesday, October 10, 2017 meeting. That meeting is on Tuesday because of the Columbus Day holiday.
9. Steve gave a report on Bike West Hartford, Inc. He talked about various grant writing efforts and the purposes behind the grants.
10. Scott gave a report on local recreational routes. The committee will get together in January with Todd Dumais to discuss possible routes. These will be signed bike routes, primarily for families, throughout town.
11. Ed, Ethan and Daniel gave an update on the Center Streets event. Daniel has prepared a video for promotional purposes. The video will be used, along with a press release sheet and donor's sponsor form, to solicit sponsorships. The group set a fundraising goal of \$10,000. It is expected that the cost of the event will be approximately \$7,000.
12. Dan and Kevin gave a report on the Cycling without Age Program. The number of trips has decreased significantly as a result of the cold weather. Both of them would like those who have trained to be pilots to start contacting Hughes Rehabilitation in the Spring to volunteer to give rides.
13. Tracy gave a report on the community bike planning initiative. It was discussed that West Hartford would host a workshop in Spring, 2017 to get the key bicycle advocates from the surrounding towns together at one table to discuss regional planning initiatives.

14. Scott gave a report on a case study of road diet programs performed by the Federal Highway Commission. He mentioned that there were several towns which agreed to stripe road diet lines on a temporary basis to see if a road diet would work and, in all situations, the towns agreed to retain the road diet lines.

15. Scott gave a report about the Wolcott Park renovation plans. He attended the meeting and suggested that the trails throughout Wolcott Park should be wide enough to accommodate walkers, riders and that the Town examine the roads leading to the park and make sure that they are easily accessible by bicycles.

16. The next meeting will be held on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m., in Room 400 of the West Hartford Town Hall.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott B. Franklin, Chair  
West Hartford Bicycle Advisory Committee